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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 383 By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Millie Webb on her election as the national president of MADD for 2000-2001.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those

Tennesseeans who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as

community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Millie Webb, who has been selected as the 2000-2001 National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mrs. Webb survived an automobile crash caused by a drunk driver; tragically, the collision resulted in the untimely deaths of her nephew, Mitchell Pewitt, and her beloved daughter, Lori; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Mrs. Webb helped form the first chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving(MADD) in Tennessee, the Williamson/Davidson County chapter, she was elected to the MADD National Board of Directors in 1991, and served for two three-year terms. She also served as vice president of victim issues and as a member of the board's public policy, executive, field issues and nominating committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb's initiatives for her term as National President of MADD include: the enactment of .08 blood alcohol content laws in all 50 states, reducing alcohol usage among youth via community outreach and educational programs, and the imposition of stiffer penalties against drunk drivers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb will also head the charge for upcoming events, including the MADD National Youth Summit 2000, and MADD's 20th anniversary celebrations; and

WHEREAS, MADD serves as one of the nation's pre-eminent and most renowned grassroots organization; MADD is dedicated to lobbying on behalf of the victims of alcohol and other drug-impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, MADD was founded in 1980 by Candy Lightner after she lost her daughter as a result of the reckless driving of a repeat drunk-driving offender; and

WHEREAS, MADD has grown and prospered as the result of pioneers such as Millie Webb, who are dedicated to enlightening the public, as well as legislators, about the grave and personal tragedy of alcohol and other drug impairment in traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Millie Webb epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Millie Webb feels truly blessed by the love and encouragement she receives from her husband Roy, daughters Kara and Ashley, and grandson Collin; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it expedient to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Millie Webb for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens as a valiant leader in the ongoing battle against drunk driving; and

WHEREAS, we are very proud of the accomplishments of Millie Webb, and greatly appreciate her work and noble efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Webb for service to the State of

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Tennessee, as well as our nation, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success during her term as National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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